GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA <u>ABSTRACT</u>

Forest (C) Act, 1980 – Constitution of High Level Committee under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary to Govt. - Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 108 Dated: 24-08-2016

Read:

From the PCCF (HoFF) (FAC), T.S., Hyd., Lr.No.12544/2016/FCA -3, Dt:21.07.2016.

ORDER:

In his letter read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad has stated that any diversion of forest land for non-forestry purpose requires prior concurrence of Government of India. Number of projects relating to laying of roads, Irrigation Projects, laying of Optical Fiber cable, laying of Transmission lines, Rural Water Supply etc., are passing through notified forests requiring clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and if areas are passing through PAs, Eco-sensitive Zone and Wildlife Corridors, clearance under both Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 and Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972 are required. On account of delay on the part of User Agency in submitting the proposal in complete shape or on account of delay in processing the proposal by the Forest Department for want of information from User Agency, delay is being caused adversely affecting the project, including cost escalation. He has, therefore, requested to constitute a High Level Committee under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary to Government to monitor all projects requiring approval under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 and Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972 for smooth implementation of different infrastructure projects taken up by the Government and for obtaining final clearances expeditiously.

2. Government, after careful consideration of the proposal of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad, hereby constitute a High Level Committee under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary to Government with the following members:-

1.	Chief Secretary to Government	Chairman
2.	Spl. Chief Secretary/ Prl. Secretary / Secretary, Irrigation Department	Member
3.	Spl. Chief Secretary / Prl. Secretary/Secretary, I & CAD Department	Member
4.	Spl. Chief Secretary / Prl. Secretary / Secretary, PR & RD Department	Member
5.	Spl. Chief Secretary / Prl. Secretary / Secretary, Energy Department	Member
6.	Spl. Chief Secretary / Prl. Secretary / Secretary, Tribal Welfare Department	Member
7.	Spl. Chief Secretary / Prl. Secretary / Secretary, ITE & C Department	Member

8.	Spl. Chief Secretary / Prl. Secretary / Secretary,	Member
	EFS & T Department	
9.	Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & CWLW, Hyderabad	Member
10	Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Hyderabad	Member/ Convener

- 3. The Committee shall meet once in a month and review the status of processing of all development projects requiring clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 and Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972 and review progress of project proposals starting from submission of proposal by the concerned User Department, processing of proposal by the Forest Department, compliance of User department on conditions stipulated in Inprinciple approval and final approval of project by Government of India, wherever required.
- 4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad shall take necessary further action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

B.R. MEENA PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

То

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),

Telangana State, Hyderabad.

All the members of Committee through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), TS, Hyderabad.

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The PR&RD / MA&UD/ I&CAD/ Agriculture & Cooperation/Energy/TR&B/ ITE&C Department.

The Project Director,

National High Way Authority, Hyderabad.

The Managing Director, HMW&SS, Hyderabad.

The Commissioner / Director of Irrigation, R&B, GHMC, HMDA, Panchayat Raj, Agriculture and Tribal Welfare Department.

The Chairman & Managing Director (SCCL),

Red Hills, Hyderabad.

The Vice Chairman & Managing Director, TSGENCO. SC

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